

Rawsonville Bridge Replacement

Project Update

April 2024



The NSW Government has committed to replacing Rawsonville Bridge with a new concrete bridge. The bridge is located over the Macquarie River on Rawsonville Bridge Road, about 21 kilometres west of Dubbo.

Transport for NSW will commence preliminary earthworks for the Rawsonville Bridge Replacement project from Monday 8 April 2024.

What work are we doing?

The preliminary earthworks will involve building approach embankments to support the future construction of the new bridge.

When and where we'll be working

We will be working alongside Rawsonville Bridge Road on both sides of the Macquarie River from **Monday 8 April for up to 10 weeks**, weather permitting. All work activities and dates are subject to weather and site conditions.

Work hours are between **7am and 6pm Monday to Saturday**. There will be no work on Sundays or public holidays.

We understand that the work will generate some inconvenience and we thank you for your patience.

What will this mean for you?

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the safety of road users and our workers.

Traffic control and a reduced speed limit of 80 km/h will be in place on the Mitchell Highway at the intersection with Rawsonville Bridge Road during work hours.

Traffic control and a reduced speed limit of 40 km/h will be in place on Rawsonville Bridge Road during work hours, with a reduced speed limit of 80 km/h outside of work hours. Intermittent single lane closures may be required on Rawsonville Bridge Road throughout the earthworks.

Traffic control and a reduced speed limit of 80 km/h will be in place on the Mitchell Highway at the intersection with Burrabadine Road during haulage from the stockpile at this site.

Please keep to the reduced speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. You should allow up to five minutes extra travel time during this work.

For the latest traffic updates, you can download the Live Traffic NSW app, visit [livetraffic.com](https://www.livetraffic.com) or call **132 701**.

Project background

Rawsonville Bridge is a timber truss bridge which was built in 1916 and is in poor condition due to age. It is narrow and is not suitable for use by modern heavy vehicles with Higher Mass Limit (HML) loads.

The bridge is a major crossing over the Macquarie River linking the Mitchell Highway to the Dubbo-Burraway Road and the Newell Highway between the towns of Dubbo and Narromine. If the bridge is closed for maintenance, motorists are faced with a 45 kilometre detour to travel from one side of the bridge to the other.

Rawsonville Bridge was on the list of NSW timber truss bridges to be preserved, however when the conservation strategy was reviewed in 2019 the bridge was identified for removal as it could not be effectively upgraded to meet future road network requirements.

The Rawsonville Bridge Replacement project includes the construction of a new concrete bridge around five metres upstream from the existing bridge, construction of new approach roads either side of the bridge, and removal of the old bridge once the new bridge is operational.



Artist's impression of the new bridge at Rawsonville

Project benefits

- Longer lasting, stronger bridge with a smoother ride
- Improved road user safety through wider travel lanes and improved road approaches
- Increased load capacity for heavy vehicles
- Improved access for wide vehicles
- Reduced ongoing maintenance costs

Next steps

Following the completion of the preliminary earthworks, the next stage of the project is inviting tenders for the bridge construction. The tender process is expected to commence in late 2024.

We will continue to update the community as work on the project progresses.

Please don't hesitate to contact the project team if you have any questions or would like more information.



Preliminary earthworks



Call for bridge construction tenders



Bridge construction



Final earthworks and pavement construction



New bridge opened to traffic



Removal of the existing bridge

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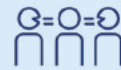


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